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RUCKER DITCHED STETSON

Then Donned the Stately "Tie" For Inaugural Ceremonies.

According to Representative Garrett of Tennessee, a member of the joint committee of the senate and house, which arranged for the official ceremonies incident to the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president, Representative W. W. Rucker of Missouri, chairman of the house contingent, is still indignant over the fact he was obliged to wear a silk hat on inauguration day. Representative Rucker, it seems protested as soon as he realized that it was up to him to don a shining tile.

Senator Crane who is now a private citizen and who is not generally regarded as a humorist, thoroughly enjoyed contributing to Mr. Rucker's embarrassment. When the joint committee called upon Gov. Wilson at the Shoreham hotel to escort him to the white house, Senator Crane, with a twinkle in his eye remarked: "Gov. Wilson, have you noticed Mr. Rucker's hat?"

The incoming chief executive replied that he had noticed the new top piece and that he regretted that he also had to succumb to the conventions and wear one. He took it seriously.

Arrived at the white house, Senator Crane, turning to President Taft, said: "Mr. President, have you noticed Mr. Rucker's new hat?"

President Taft laughed as the Missourian's usually pale face flushed and congratulated Mr. Rucker.

The unkindest cut of all came from an unexpected quarter. When the official party appeared on the platform at the east front of the capital, Speaker Champ Clark, unaware of the seething turmoil that had been going on under Mr. Rucker's hat, shouted in a loud voice: "Rucker, where did you get that hat?"

Clark had stuck to his big Stetson. President Taft, Gov. Wilson and everybody within earshot laughed as Mr. Rucker blushed a rosy red. It was the only humorous incident connected with the formal inauguration of the new president.

Dr. Peyton L. Hurt

At Booneville, Mo. where he had practiced medicine for years, Dr. Peyton L. Hurt, while apparently in good health, died suddenly of heart disease Feb. 24.

Dr. Hurt was born in Chariton County Aug. 26, 1845 graduated in medicine at Jefferson Med. College in Philadelphia, and was the oldest practicing physician in Cooper county. He was the son of Martin Hurt and his surviving relatives are his widow and only child, Miss Mary Kinney Hurt and his sisters, Mrs. L. E. Cook, Mrs. Roberta Moore, Mrs. William White and Mrs. Geo. F. Wilson.

Dr. Hurt married Miss Cora Kinney, a daughter of Capt. Joseph Kinney, June 29, 1889.

He was an ex-confederate soldier, for a number of years chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Cooper county and one of the prominent men in all public affairs in his county.

His sudden death was a great shock, not only to his relatives, but to his friends every where.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Weber, Salisbury. Mrs. Minnie Brooks, Brunswick.

There were 96 teachers present at the examinations held Friday and Saturday at Brunswick.

Clark-Foster

A pretty wedding was celebrated Wednesday Feb. 26th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Foster, about four and one half miles from Sumner. In spite of the weather being dreary because of rain, sleet and snow, about one hundred persons, relatives and friends, whose hearts were filled with sunshine assembled at the home.

At noon the wedding march by Mendelssohn was played by Miss Georgia Thompson and the bride, Miss Leo Foster, and the bridesmaid, Miss Leota Foster, twin sister of the bride, the groom, Mr. Homer D. Clark, and best man, Mr. Edwin J. Foster, marched to their respective places. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Edwin P. Roberts, pastor of the Sumner Christian church.

The bride was dressed in white silk chiffon with crystal bead trimming over white silk mull. She carried a bouquet of white and pink flowers decked with fern. The bridesmaid was dressed in embroidered batiste, and the groom and best man were dressed in blue serge.

After the wedding a sumptuous four course dinner was served.

Everybody enjoyed the splendid cooking of Mrs. Foster, and many are looking forward in anticipation of meeting at her board again. The table accommodation was small and while some ate, the others filled the air with joyous strains that lent that part which is so important, although often lacking at big dinners. Following was a really good jollification which was interspersed with choruses, comic songs, and whole-hearted expressions of congratulation to the bride and groom.

It would be unfair to forget those who showed their appreciation and good wishes by wedding presents. The donors are too numerous to mention, but many of the presents are as follows: cut glass bowl and vinegar jug; hand painted cake plate, pitcher and salad bowls; silver knives and forks, spoons and ladle; linen table cloth, napkins, and dresser scarf; laundry bag and embroidered pillow cases; a rug, picture, clock, bowl and smoothing iron. Others gave money that the bride and groom might buy something that others, perchance, had forgotten.

The bride and groom will live in their new home on a farm near Snyder, Mo.

Building Silo.

"We have got to raise our own cattle, build silos and do business on a different scale," is the way J. G. Johnson of Rothville, Mo., talked. "I have let the contract for a silo to be built this season, and I came in to buy a purebred bull for breeding purposes. These cattle prices must cause a waking up and a move toward raising more cattle on the farms."—Drovers Journal.

Methodist Church Services

The fourth sermon in the series to young men and women Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

"Reuben, the young man with position and power, but a failure." Young men and women, you need the stimulating thoughts and exhortations in these sermons. Let me help you to live noble and useful lives.

C. O. Ransford, pastor.

Something has gone wrong with the matrimonial market again. Just one marriage license has been issued here this week. This has been a mighty poor showing for some reason or other and those best in touch with these affairs are unable to offer an explanation.

WILLARD MUNSON SLUGGED

Tramps Relieve him of Five Iron Men and Drop him Through the Trestle

While crossing the trestle at Brunswick near the Owens Flouring Mill last Friday night, Willard Munson who formerly lived about nine miles north of this city, was slugged by four men, knocked through the trestle after having been robbed of five dollars and left to take care of himself as best he could while a long train passed over.

Munson was going up the Wash track, crossing the trestle which is doubled tracked and has flooring in each track but none between them about 8:35 when he met about the center of the trestle four men apparently tramps and as he passed them he said "good evening." The salutation was answered by a blow from the fist of one of them which Munson warded off and undertook to counter on his assailants jaw when another of the party landed on the port side of Munson's head. This diverted Munson's attention long enough for two of them to get in a few swings and jabs. Munson was too busy to reach a trusty pocket knife just at that time, and the result was that the quartette after one of them had put Munson's guard arm out of commission by a blow on the wrist with a fish plate, got Munson down, treated his face and head to all sorts of scratches and bruises and bumps, contusions and lacerations, disfigurements and gore and relieved him of his spare change, and to prevent his further disfigurement by an approaching train dumped him into the space between the tracks, down which Munson went a distance of about fifteen feet to the bottom of the ditch from which position of vantage he viewed what he for a few moments that was shooting stars and a thunder storm but which turned out to be embers in the fire box and a heavy train passing over.

Munson came out and dodged other pedestrians until he got up town, found a doctor and chief Harrison, the former giving him first and last aid and the latter some wholesome advice.

Gov. Dockery Appointed.

The Post Master General appointed Ex-Gov. A. M. Dockery 3rd assistant Post Master General Monday. Ex-Gov. Lon V. Stephens is mentioned for comptroller of the currency and W. B. Hollister Secty. to Senator Stone for one of the minor treasury secretarieships.

Cabinet members will recommend all who are suggested for appointment in their departments to President Wilson who will know in advance of their getting positions that they are about the right pegs for the holes.

Speaker Clark has vowed by the inconstant Moon that he will have nothing to do with Secretary Bryan, but the Premier cares as little for the pike pole of the erstwhile bosses in Mo. as he does for Morgan or Ryan. Clark nor any others from Mo. who vented their wrath on Bryan in an attempt to cover up their own political mistakes will get any of their lieutenants in the state department without the great commoner's consent.

W. L. (Billy) Hamilton was elected Exalted Ruler of the Elks at Kirksville last week. His friends will not confuse Elk with Moose—so far as others are concerned Billy never did care what confusion came to them. His many friends congratulate.

DALTON STORE IS ROBBED

Burglar Gets Plunder Similar to that Obtained Recently Here

Some time last Friday night entrance was effected by breaking into the rear of the Dalton Hardware Co. store at Dalton, and a lot of razors, knives and hunting suits stolen. The proprietors of the hardware store set promptly to work to catch the burglar, and Sunday morning C. A. Keyser, deputy sheriff at Dalton had a telegram from the chief of police in St. Louis stating that he had the culprit in custody.

Deputy Keyser left Monday for the city, took charge of the young fellow who says his name is Jas. Doyle and that he is a Missourian but doesn't say where in Missouri. Broke him to Dalton Tuesday afternoon, arraigned him before Justice Jaeger where he plead guilty and was committed to jail before night to await trial in circuit court this week at Salisbury. The prospects are fair for the young fellow to be landed in the pen in less than 10 days from the time he made off with the plunder. This is quick work and the Daltonites are deserving of high compliments on their accomplishment. Doyle is about 23 years old and evidently able to work and do lots of it if he could be tied or riveted to it, but his education appears to have been directed toward making his way through life without laboring.

When apprehended in the city he was peddling the goods he got at Dalton at anything he could get for the article, and the circumstance, together with the fact that he had failed to remove the tags from the goods, made it an easy matter to connect him with the robbery. Further than that his name is James Doyle, that he is a Missourian and that he "was caught with the goods," he will not say.

Robert Patrick Halley

Notice was received here Wednesday telling of the death of Robert Patrick Halley of Armstrong, Tuesday March 11. The decedent was born October 15, 1828 and was 83 years old at the time of his death. The burial occurred Wednesday at 2 o'clock at Armstrong with the Masonic lodge in charge, the service held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Susan L. Collins. Mr. Halley formerly lived here and was a member of the local chapter of the Masonic order. He leaves a family of five children, R. J. and J. M. Halley of this city, Anthony of Rich Hill, Mrs. W. R. Bozarth of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. J. T. Bunton of Jackson City.

Shot the Wrong Man.

Moberly is a live little town. Sunday night there was a shooting scrape said to involve a farmer, a switchman, very peeved, a business man and the railroad man's wife. The switchman it is said found the business man and his wife at the home of a negress. The guilty pair rapidly made their getaway. The appearance of the farmer at this opportune moment from some place put him in line of the husband's fire. He was target for five shots. He was hit and is in the hospital at the expense of the business man, who with his inamorant escaped unscathed. The switchman was not arrested. He said he had intended punishing the business man a la Cudahy if he hadn't run so fast. As all innocent bystanders are, the farmer was the goat.

Wages and Waywardness

A congressional committee assisted by state officials of Illinois and Philanthropists from various places are conducting an investigation in Chicago to ascertain the effect of low wages on the morality of girls and women employees of factories, department stores and wherever they may be employed outside domestic situations. So far the evidence on each side of the question of whether less than living wages induces getting money by other means, appears to be about balanced.

Observation seems to have persuaded managers of factories and heads of department stores to believe that the disposition of the individual girl or woman has more to do with her correctness than her emolument or environment. It is claimed that among more than ten thousand girls employed by the department stores of Chicago, ranging from 7 to 20 years, and changing every day, more or less of whose characters were formed before getting employment.

It is further claimed that more than 90 per cent of girls and women employed live at home and with families of good standing. Testimony also establishes that the majority of girls from 7 to 20 years old will accept employment in factories, stores and telephone offices at \$2 a week in preference to 5 to \$7 a week as cooks, chamber maids or housekeepers in private families. It is also shown that \$8 a week for a girl that started in at \$2 a week, does not lessen her disposition to get more some way, and that escaping the results of her own ambition until she gets more pay and must dress better and circulate differently in order to "hold her job," she is subjected to temptations theretofore not in her way.

It is held that if the wages are materially increased by legislation or any force not in line with the profit which the employer must have on the services of the employed, thousands of girls and women will be thrown out of their positions. Then what? Will they seek positions in private families and fill them satisfactorily, or will they augment the army of outcasts.

Somebody has got to cook, wash and iron; scrub and nurse. Can male suffragettes be conscripted in sufficient numbers, or will bars which block entrance to foreigners willing to work have to be thrown down and anarchy mated with suffragism.

There are enough men to wed the multitude of women in the ranks of breadwinners, but to what purpose, we ask, when the divorce courts relieve spouses of such ties upon being shown that incompatibility exists, that is, the brutes desire their presence at home and help, and they were not raised that way.

Competition among manufacturers of such articles as women can be more cheaply employed to make, cuts the wage necessary for the support of the home and women accept the employment at less than they should, the result being enforced celibacy, disarrangement of our Creators plans and consequent disorders which cannot be cured by legislation.

Herbert Applegate came home for a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Applegate. Herbert has been on the sick list, but two square meals of home cooking has straightened him out.

Township clerks can have election tickets at this office printed very cheap and save time, money and trouble.

AN OLD RESIDENT IS DEAD

Mrs. Magdalena Hansman Passed Away Thursday at Her Home.

Mrs. Magdalena Hansman who has been ill for a considerable time, suffering with asthma, passed away at 3:30 a. m. Thursday at her home in this city.

Mrs. Hansman was one of the older residents of the town, having lived here for thirty-five years. Her demise was not unexpected owing to her poor health.

Mrs. Hansman whose maiden name was Magdalena Bercha, was born in the province of Alsace, France, July 22, 1834. She came to the United States in 1853 and first made her home in New Orleans. Later, she went to St. Louis, where, May 21 1863 she was married in St. Joseph's church to Frank Hansman. They remained in St. Louis for some years before coming to Keytesville 35 years ago.

Mr. Hansman was a shoemaker by trade and worked at this business, later conducting a saloon, while Mrs. Hansman was in charge of a restaurant, being in business 33 years.

The husband died March 10, 1895. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy. Joe, son, died some years ago Lewis resides here; Miss Sena who was at home with her mother and another daughter, Mrs. Lena Strub of Brunswick.

The remains will be taken to Brunswick and the funeral services conducted by Fr. Alexander at the church of St. Boniface, Saturday. Burial in the Catholic cemetery.

Odd Fellows Again

Monday night the Odd Fellows lodge here provided a victim in Rev. Ormsby and members of the order poured in from every direction to assist in doing him up.

Besides a big attendance from among No. 477, the following were noticed:

Salisbury, J. W. Grizzell, G. L. Friesz, W. J. Junce, S. M. Ehret, P. C. Simmons, W. G. Scotten, A. M. Brizendine, J. P. Cloyd, C. D. Agee, A. S. Rucker, J. L. Carter, G. S. Brooks, A. M. Bradsher, Thos. Pulley, J. W. Adams, A. A. Mason, J. R. Scott, J. E. Carter, W. T. Martin, T. J. Hohner, A. C. Prescott.

Dalton, Chas. E. Yager, S. J. Nix, Brunswick, W. T. Johnson, Pee Dee, W. T. Collett, W. A. Elam.

Mendon, John Westrup.

We feel highly honored by these turnouts, and our local Odd Fellow step around like game roosters for several days after such an event.

Dr. Simon Defeats Norvell

Dr. J. H. Simon was nominated by the democrats of St. Louis in the first primary election for mayor, over Saunders Norvell. Henry Keil was nominated by the republicans. The moosers have a candidate in.

The defeat of Norvell was a great surprise but after Harry Hawes was discovered to have much interest in the big business mans election, defeat was inevitable. Norvell was a good man to nominate, but Dr. Simon is also good.

The duck hunters are beginning to hustle again. A bunch of three hunters arrived at the Keytesville station from the Salisbury neighborhood, Wednesday morning.